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**CITY OF HARTFORD WILL BE PART OF HISTORY! MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WILL BE OPEN OCTOBER 1ST
FOR CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES**

WHEN: Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Municipal Building, 550 Main Street Downtown Hartford

The City of Hartford will be part of history as it opens its doors to Civil Unions. The sole purpose of this special Saturday event is for Civil Unions. No other City business will be conducted on this day.

Mayor Eddie Perez says, "This is a Civil Rights milestone in Connecticut. This is building on the City of Hartford's long history of officially recognizing domestic partnerships, which began back in 1983."

Those wishing to receive a Civil Union license are to go to the Arch Street entrance of the building. Applicants will be asked to fill out forms and present a valid photo ID. A Social Security card is requested. There's a \$30 license fee that can be paid by cash, check, or money order. No credit cards will be accepted.

After the license is signed and certified, Civil Union ceremonies will be conducted in the Atrium. There will be four Justices of the Peace available to preside. There's no fee for the ceremony, but donations will be accepted and will benefit the American Red Cross.

For more information on how to obtain a Civil Union license, please contact Jose Carrasco with the Office of Vital Records at (860) 543-8539. For more information on Justice of the Peace ceremonies, please contact Dan Carey, City Clerk at (860) 543-8580. Members of the media are asked to contact Sarah Barr, Director of Communications at (860) 522-4888 x6217.